

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/493,545, filed ~~February~~ January 28, 2000 (~~allowed~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,727,224), which claims priority from U.S.S.N. 60/118,160, filed February 1, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.